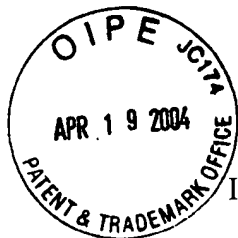


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Sir:

A response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 19, 2004 is due by April 19, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Response and Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 19, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: